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Report Highlights:

During the first six months of 2003, 13 cases of confirmed BSE occurred in Germany, compared to 54 during the same period the year before. Until July 14, 2003 four more cases were confirmed, taking the number of confirmed BSE-cases since the first detection of BSE in Germany in November of 2000, to a total of 255.

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During the first six months of 2003, 13 cases of BSE were confirmed, compared to 54 in the first half year of 2002. As of June 30, 2003 the total number of confirmed BSE-cases in Germany amounted to 251 cases. Out of these, 7 cases were detected in 2000, 125 cases in 2001 and 104 cases in 2002 and 13 cases in 2003. From July 1 through 14, 2003 an additional 4 cases were confirmed. The geographical distribution of the confirmed cases is shown in table 1.

Table 1: Geographical distribution of confirmed BSE cases in Germany, as of June 30, 2003.

State	Number of confirmed BSE cases					Number of cattle in that state**	cases per 1 million head
	2000	2001	2002	2003*	total		
Bavaria	5	59	27	5	96	3,824,100	26
Lower-Saxony	1	17	27	-	45	2,652,800	17
Schleswig-Holstein	1	12	14	-	27	1,241,500	22
Baden-Wuerttemberg	-	12	11	3	26	1,162,100	22
Saxony	-	4	4	1	9	522,200	19
Rhineland-Palatinate	-	4	6	-	10	427,500	23
Saxony-Anhalt	-	4	4	1	9	373,100	24
Brandenburg	-	3	4	-	7	613,000	11
Hesse	-	3	2	1	6	497,600	12
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	-	2	4	-	6	563,100	11
North Rhine-Westphalia	-	2	2	1	5	1,401,000	4
Thuringia	-	2	1	1	4	374,200	11
Saarland	-	1	-	-	1	59,100	17
Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg	-	-	-	-	0	20,600	
Total	7	125	106	13	251	13,731,900	19

* 2003 = Jan 1 through June 30, 2003

** Animal census November 2003

(Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture)

From January through June 2003, a total of 1,257,177 BSE tests were conducted and 13 cases of BSE were confirmed. Out of these, 5 cases were discovered through routine testing at slaughter, while the rest were either detected through mandatory testing of perished or put-down animals, or had shown clinical symptoms, or were part of destroyed herds or cohorts of a previously confirmed BSE-case (birth cohort = animals born on the same farm within 12 month before or after the birth, feeding cohort = animals that were raised together with animal with confirmed BSE within the first 12 months of life of the latter, all offspring).

Since January 25, 2001, BSE tests at slaughter are mandatory in Germany for all cattle above the age of 24 months (the EU requires testing only at above 30 months, only cattle that had to be put-down have to be tested already at the age of above 24 months).

Table 2: BSE tests and results from January through June 2003

January - June 2003				
Animal Category	Number of tests	Number of confirmed BSE cases	Percent cases per tests in that category*	Percent cases of all confirmed cases**
perished animals	124,627	4	0.003	30.8
put-down animals	4,589	0	0.000	0.0
animals showing clinical symptoms	30	1	3.333	7.7
animals appearing healthy at slaughter	1,127,212	5	0.000	38.5
animals put down in a BSE eradication measure	414	1	0.242	7.7
suspicious animals to be confirmed by a lab	305	2	0.656	15.4
Total	1,257,177	13	0.001	100

* calculated as "number of confirmed cases" divided by "number of tests" in that category multiplied by 100

** calculated as "number of confirmed cases" in a category divided by "total number of confirmed cases " * 100

Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture

Risk Management by the German Government

For a detailed outline of the German risk management system please refer to report GM1033.

Production

In CY 2002, Germany produced 1.317 million MT of beef. 198,000 MT of beef were imported, thereof 73,000 MT from outside the EU (mainly Argentina and Brazil). Exports amounted to 494,000 MT of which 165,000 MT were sent to destinations outside the EU (mostly Russia). Note: All figures in carcass weight equivalent.

Table 3: German production of beef

Year	Slaughter number (in 1000 heads)	Beef production (in 1000 metric tons)
1999	4565	1374
2000	4285	1304
2001	4353	1360
2002	4272	1317

Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture

Related reports:

GM1033	11/27/01	One Year after the detection of BSE in Germany
GM3002	01/03/03	BSE in Germany – update
GM3006	02/27/03	German Cattle Identification and Beef Labeling